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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: TEXTILE FACTORIES

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1. IN MEETING WITH ENGINEER TOUFIQI FEBRUARY 3 EMBOFF LEARNED JAPANESE HAVE COMPLETED FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR KANDAHAR AND HERAT TEXTILE FACTORIES. (THE LATTER HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE.) POST PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TEXTILE PROJECTS QUOTE DEAD FROM STANDPOINT U.S. INVOLVEMENT UNQUOTE (REFTEL). THIS NOT REPEAT NOT THE CASE. TOUFIQI WANTS U.S. FIRMS TO BID ON DESIGN, EQUIPMENT SUPPLY, AND TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION.

2. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR KANDAHAR TEXTILE FACTORY CONCLUDES MARKET EXISTS FOR PRODUCTION OF 30 MILLION METERS OF COTTON TEXTILES ANNUALLY, 25 PERCENT BLEACHED, 25 PERCENT DYED, 50 PERCENT FINISHED FABRIC. FACTORY WILL REQUIRE 72,216 SPINDLES AND 1,350 LOOMS. FACTORY WILL ALSO PRODUCE 1,000 TONS YARN

FOR LOCAL MARKET.

3. RESULTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HERAT TEXTILE FACTORY

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ALSO POSITIVE. FACTORY WILL HAVE ANNUAL PRODUCTION 12

MILLION METERS IN SAME PROPORTIONS BLEACHED, DYED AND FINISHED MATERIAL AS KANDAHAR OPERATION. ALSO WILL PRODUCE 500 TONS YARN. NUMBER OF LOOMS AND SPINDLES REQUIRED NOT YET DETERMINED.

4. POST REGRETS MISLEADING ADDRESSEES (REFTEL) ON POTENTIAL U.S. INVOLVEMENT THESE PROJECTS. TOUFIQI EMPHATIC ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO DISCUSS PROJECTS WITH U.S. FIRMS.

5. FOR USDOC/MEPD: TWO U.S. FIRMS HAVE WRITTEN TOUFIQI EXPRESSING INTEREST IN TEXTILE PROJECTS. TOUFIQI SAYS TIME IS RIGHT FOR DISCUSSION DESIGN, EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION. REQUEST USDOC INFORM GEORGE S. DEETER, PROJECT ENGINEER, PADEC (PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS), SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (408-287-3750). THIS FIRM CURRENTLY WORKING IN ISLAMABAD. OTHER FIRMS WHICH HAS SHOWN INTEREST IS NAETZKER, THORSELL AND GOSTOMSKI. CONTACT HARLANS S. GROVER, DIRECTOR, BUFFALO, N.Y. OFFICE (716-824-3542). POST HAS NOT HEARD FROM AMATEX RECENTLY, BUT COMPANY REP FRANK WARD VISITED KABUL IN FALL. PLEASE NOTIFY OFFICE GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (803-242-9115).

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